IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 6 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend Claims 1, 7 and 12 as follows. All of the pending claims in the application are set forth below.

1. (Currently Amended) An ink-jet recording medium, comprising a base sheet and an ink-receiving layer on the base sheet, for use in an ink-jet image forming method in which a transparent film layer formed on a substrate as coating is placed on the ink-receiving layer on which recording has been conducted, and then the side of said substrate is heated to transfer said transparent film layer on said ink-receiving layer, followed by peeling off said substrate to laminate said transparent film layer on the surface of said ink receiving layer, said ink-receiving layer containing polyvinyl alcohol, porous inorganic particles and an epoxy compound as a cross-linking agent, wherein the content of the polyvinyl alcohol in said ink-receiving layer is not lower than 30 weight %, the content of porous inorganic particles in said ink-receiving layer is 100 to 300 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of polyvinyl alcohol and the content of the epoxy compound is such that 1 to 10 equivalents of epoxy ring is contained based on 100 equivalents of OH group of the polyvinyl alcohol.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Amended) The ink-jet recording medium according to claim 1, wherein the degree of saponification of said polyvinyl alcohol is between 78% and 89%.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) The ink-jet recording medium according to claim 6 1, wherein said porous inorganic particles are silica.

8. (Original) The ink-jet recording medium according to claim 7, wherein the average particle diameter of silica is between 5μm and 7μm.

9. (Previously Amended) The ink-jet recording medium according to claim 1, wherein the average degree of polymerization of said polyvinyl alcohol is between 1,500 and 3,600.

10. (Withdrawn)

11. (Withdrawn)

12. (Currently Amended) An ink-jet recording medium comprising a base sheet and an ink-receiving layer on the base sheet, said ink-receiving layer containing polyvinyl alcohol, porous inorganic particles and an epoxy compound as a cross-linking agent, wherein the content of the polyvinyl alcohol in said ink-receiving layer is not lower than 30 weight %, the content of porous inorganic particles in said ink-receiving layer is 100 to 300 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of polyvinyl alcohol and the content of the epoxy compound is such that 1 to 10 equivalents of epoxy ring is contained based on 100 equivalents of OH group of the polyvinyl alcohol.